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INTRODUCTION

Since 1972, the City of Gaithersburg Planning Department has completed periodic housing surveys to update data originally available in the 1970 Census. Surveys have been produced in 1972, 1973, and 1974. This 1976 survey is the fourth revision. The current housing stock is derived from records maintained by the City Department of Planning and the Department of Licenses and Inspections.

The City of Gaithersburg has experienced a great deal of growth since
1970, rendering 1970 Census information virtually useless. With this in mind,
City staff completes an annual Housing Survey to provide updated information for
the public's use. By evaluating the composition of the existing housing stock,
the City can make decisions relative to future housing and development goals.
The number of new dwelling units noted each year means a concurrent increase in
population. With this information in hand, staff can make intelligent estimates
as to population projections. Such population figures enable the City to effectively plan for the provision of future facilities and services.

As a final point of information, the rate of housing completions can be compared to the number of building permits issued to ascertain: 1) the validity of building permits as a measure of growth; 2) time needed to complete a unit; and 3) number of units actually constructed per year.

The survey also attempts to touch briefly upon the relationship between income and housing availability to determine if the average resident of the City can indeed afford rental or owner-occupied housing. A closer look at this situation reveals that the spiraling increase in housing costs has priced many area residents out of the housing market. A more in-depth review of rent levels as

opposed to housing prices was made due to the overwhelming percentage (66.8%) of multi-family dwellings in the City.

POPULATION

The 1976 population estimate for the City of Gaithersburg is 26,012 persons. The population figure is derived from a 1976 count of 10,611 housing units. Appropriate persons per dwelling unit figures for each type of unit as well as a vacancy rate figure derived from M-NCPPC's preliminary data in the 1977 Census Update Survey were utilized to obtain the population count. The 1976 estimate reveals a 3.4% increase over the 1975 reported population. However, it should be noted that the 1975 figure was tabulated in the early part of the year while the 1976 estimate was completed in December of 1976. Therefore, this 3.4% increase in population actually reflects growth in the City over a period of close to two years.

Figures noted in Table I indicate substantial population increases in the early 1970's (i.e., 40% noted 1972-1973), with the rate abruptly dropping off at that point. The sewer moratorium, first instituted in 1970, obviously impacted development enough to slow the City's growth to a snail's pace. A total of only 128 building permits were issued for residential dwellings in the City during 1974, 1975, and 1976. This situation was also indicative of the difficult economic times the building industry was experiencing. The increase in dwelling units that the survey documents is due to the completion of several long-term residential projects which were at various stages of construction at the time of the last housing survey. The completion of many of these projects (i.e., Village Overlook, Fireside, Westleigh, and West Riding) accounts for much of the increase noted between early 1975 and late 1976.

HOUSING UNITS

A review of population figures since 1960 reveals the tremendous growth the City has absorbed over the past 16 years (see Table I). Population and dwelling units have more than tripled since 1970. The average number of persons per dwelling unit (for all types) has remained relatively constant and fairly low due to the high number of multi-family units in the City. Over the years, the composition of the housing stock as to type has not deviated significantly. Apartments have dominated the inventory and continue to comprise approximately 60% of all units in the City. While the percentage increase in apartments over the past six years has been overwhelming (212%), the increase in single family units over a comparable time period (59%) is negligible. The City has added only 100 single family units per year to its stock over the last six years.

Over the years, the most significant modification of the housing inventory has been the appearance of the condominium as a part of the tally in 1975. The only recordable increase in this sector of the stock was registered between 1975 and 1976 where an addition of 1,741 units to the number of condominiums is noted. This increase reflects conversion activity, although some new construction of condominiums is included.

POPULATION AND HOUSING UNITS CITY OF GAITHERSBURG 1960-1976 TABLE I

1	1	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8	I	_ 	3.0	ა. 8	Average Person Per Unit
+258	7,624	10,611	8,984	8,649	6,140	+196	1,978	2,987	1,009	TOTAL UNITS
ı	ı	1,850	109		• •	ı	,	1	1	Condominiums
1	ı	1,021	1,698	1,554	853	ı	ı	ı	•	Townhouses
+212.0	+4,152	6,113	5,697	5,718	3,995	+344	1,519	1,961	442	Apartments
58.6	+601	1,627	1,480	1,377	1,292	+56	369	1,026	657	SFD
										HOUSING UNITS
+211	17,668	26,012	25,155	24,217	17,192	+117	4,497	8,344	3,847	Population
%	#	1976	1975	1973	1972	%	#	1970	1960	
970-1976	Change 1970-1976				Ö.	Change 1960-1970	Change			

Sources: 1960 Census of Housing 1970 Census of Housing Housing Survey-City of Gaithersburg (1975)

TABLE II

1976 Housing Stock: Unit Breakdown

Type Unit	Number of Units	Percent Total Units
Single family	1,627	15.3
Townhouses	1,021	9.6
Apartments	6,113	57.6
Condominiums ¹	1,850	<u>17.4</u>
TOTAL	10,611	100.0

Source: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department

Includes both townhouse and apartment condominiums: Townhouse Condomiums 876

Apartment

Apartment Condomiums 974 1,850

A review of the current (1976) housing stock reveals a continued dominance of multi-family housing units as a part of the City's housing stock. The figures reveal that between 1970 and 1976, total units in the City have increased more than 2-1/2 times. When the City's housing stock is compared to a breakdown of the County's (utilizing M-NCPPC's categories), the number of multi-family units becomes even more apparent.

TABLE III City-County Housing Stock: A Comparison

	City of	f Gaithersburg*	Montge	omery County
Single Family ¹	# Units 3,524	% of Total Stock 33.2	# Units 130,822	% of Total Stock 66.5
Multi-family	7,087	66.8	65,636	33.5
TOTAL	10,611	100.0	196,458	100.0

¹Includes townhouses

Source: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department, Forecast-People, Jobs and Housing Montgomery County Planning Board

POPULATION YIELD

TABLE IV City of Gaithersburg 1976 Population by Unit Type

	<u>Units</u>	Vacancy Rate	Persons/ D.U.	Population <u>Yield</u>
Single Family Dwellings	1,627	3%	3.5	5,523
Townhouses	1,897	3%	3.0	5,520
Apartments	7,087	4%	2.2	14,969
TOTAL	10,611			26,012

Source: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department Preliminary Data - 1977 Census Update, M-NCPPC

^{*}Condominiums are distributed by tenure

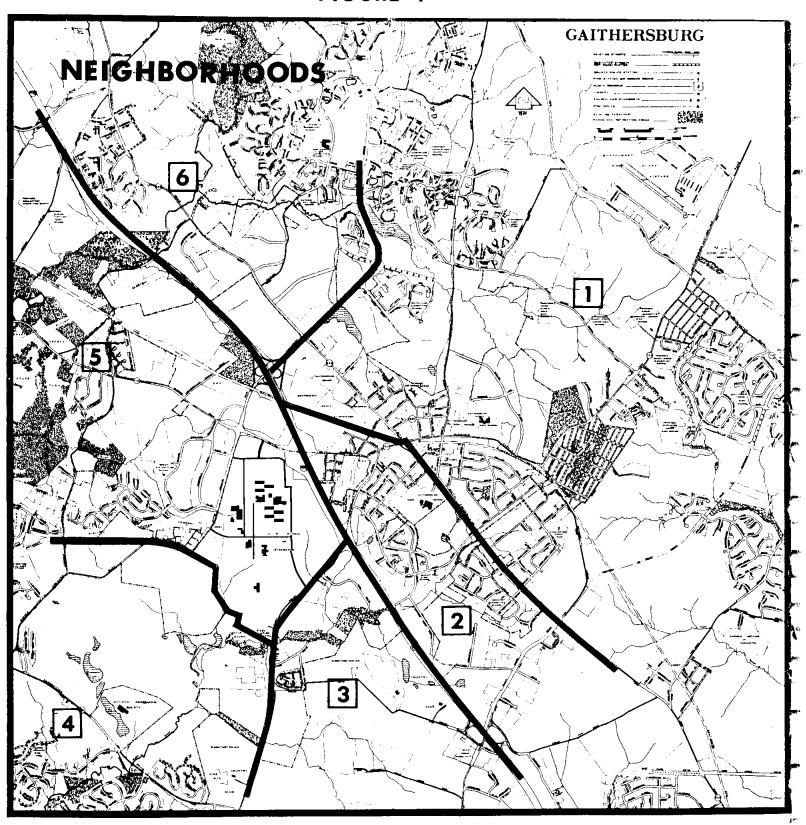
One of the primary purposes in inventorying housing in the City is to derive an estimate of current population. There are no nationally accepted figures to utilize for persons per dwelling unit by type of dwelling unit. Many variables must be considered, as well as a constantly changing housing market. Following a review of data available from national, regional and county sources (see Appendix), staff finalized figures (Table IV) for persons per dwelling unit by type of dwelling unit to be suitable for the City. These figures closely reflect the persons per dwelling unit yield reported for Montgomery County. It should be noted that since the City's most recent Housing Survey (February, 1975) utilized 4 persons per single family dwelling unit, the population figures for 1976 reflect this change. It was felt that available data did not support such a high yield for single family units. The 1975 survey omitted vacancy data.

Within the last several years, the County reported an average household size in the vicinity of 3 persons. The City's average number of persons per unit has dropped off gradually since 1970 due to the addition of numerous apartments to its housing inventory.

EXISTING HOUSING STOCK

The evaluation of existing housing stock was completed on a neighborhood basis. A map delineating these boundaries follows. All developments are listed according to tenure by neighborhood. Following this general listing of all housing by neighborhood, each type (i.e. apartments, townhouses, single family and condominiums) is listed and located on a City map.

FIGURE 1



Neighborhoods

- 1 Old Town
- 2 Brighton
- 3 Muddy Branch

- 4 Kentlands
- [5] Diamond Farms
- 6 Gaithersburg North

TABLE V
1976 Population By Neighborhood

NEIG	HBORHOOD	TOTA	L	SINGLE FAMILY	TOWNHOUSE	APARTMENTS
		_#	<u>%</u>			
I	(Old Town)	8,037	30.9	2,006	846	5,185
II	(Brighton)	4,990	19.12	1,890	618	2,482
III	(Muddy Branch)	4,051	15.5	-	1,926	2,105
IV	(Kentlands)	826	3.2	343	483	-
V	(Diamond Farms)	7,076	27.2	1,266	1,647	4,163
VI	(Gaithersburg North)	1,032	4.0	18	-	1,014
ТОТА	L	26,102	100.0	5,523	5,520	14,969

Source: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department

TABLE VI
Housing Stock - By Neighborhood Area

TY	PE DWELLING UNITS	S	INGLE FAMILY	Ť	OWNHOUSES*	AF	PARTMENTS*	TOT	AL UNITS
	NE IGHBORHOOD	#	% OF TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD	#	% OF TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD	#	% OF TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD	% #	OF CITY HOUSING
I	(Old Town)	591	17.7	291	8.7	2,455	73.6	3,337	31.4
II	(Brighton)	557	28.7	212	10.9	1,175	60.4	1,944	18.3
III	(Muddy Branch)	-	-	662	39.7	1,006	60.3	1,668	15.7
IV	(Kentlands)	101	37.8	166	62.2	_	-	267	2.5
٧	(Diamond Farms)	373	12.8	566	19.5	1,971	67.7	2,910	27,4
٧I	(Gaithersburg North)	5	1.0	-	_	480	99.0	485	4.6
TOTAI	-	1,627	15.3	1,897	17.9	7,087	66.8	10,611	100.0

* Includes Condominiums

Source: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department

TABLE VII

Housing Stock: % Breakdown by Tenure and Neighborhood

NEI	GHBORHOOD	TOTAL UNITS	SINGLE FAMILY	TOWNHOUSES	APARTMENTS
TOT	AL	10,611	1,627	1,897	7,087
I	(Old Town)	3,337	36%	15%	35%
ΙΙ	(Brighton)	1,944	34	11	16
III	(Muddy Branch)	1,668	-	35	14
IV	(Kentlands)	267	6	9	-
٧	(Diamond Farms)	2,910	23	30	28
VI	(Gaithersburg North)	485	1	-	7
			100%	100%	100%

Source: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department

The largest concentration of single family units is equally divided between Old Town and the Brighton areas, reflecting the presence of older housing in some of the City's more established neighborhoods. A large majority of the City's townhouses are found in the Muddy Branch and Diamond Farms areas which have experienced rapid growth over the past several years. This is indicative of the trend by developers to construct primarily townhouses in the Gaithersburg area. In comparison to other types of units, apartments are fairly well distributed through much of the City, with slight concentrations noted in the Old Town and Diamond Farms neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORHOOD I (OLD TOWN)

NEIGHBORHOOD II

NEIGHBORHOOD III (MUDDY BRANCH)

(BRIGHTON)

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FAST EJAMOND		12	BRIGHTON WOODS		139	None	
REALTY FARE & WALNERS ADDITION		80	BROWN'S ADDITION		233		
RUSCELL & BPOOKER APPITION		70	CONCEPT		28	TOMINOUSES	
MISCELLANEOUS		~	MEEM'S ADDITION		57	TO BO NOTHER TOR	>
TOTAL		591	OBSERVATORY HEIGHTS		42	POTCHTON MEST	<
			ROSEMONT		40	SHADY GROVE VILLAGE	>
TOWNHOUSES			SUNNYSIDE COURTS		18	SECTION 1. 11. 111	<
NEWPORT	*	293	TOTAL		557	TOTAL	
TOTAL		141					
			TOWNHOUSES				
APARTYETTS			BRIGHTON FAST	>-	755	APARIMENTS	
ASBURY METHODIST HOME		175	BRIGHTON FAST (RENTAL)	<	45	BRIGHTON WEST	
BAYLA GARDENS		287	CASEY		2 2	GOVERNOR SQUARE	
CHESTINE			TOTAL		21.5	SUBURBAN PARK	
CRESTWOOD TERRACE		108				TOTAL	
DALAMAR		120	APARTYFITS				
DEER PARK APARTMENTS		56			;		
DEER PARK GARDENS		39	DIAMUND HOUSE		17		
DIAMOND COURTS		92	EXECUTIVE GARDENS	;	/8		
FRANKLIN PRESS		4	FIRESIDE	Κ ,	258		
FREESTATE		91	DOCEMBE CADAMA	¥	30		
GAITHER HOUSE		95	NOSCHINE GARDENS		350		
GEORGE HUNT		٤	KUSEUALE		<u>96</u>		
INGALLS		æ	SINNIT UAL)		es :		
KING		6	MENT DEER DARK		198		
KING		5	TOTAL		136		1
LAKESIDE		26	IOIAL		; F		H V

600 238 168 1,006

200 55 230 177 662

TABLE VIII HOUSING STOCK BY NEIGHBORHOOD AND **TENURE**

(GAITHERSBURG NORTH) METGHBORHOOD VI

SMC:MIMODNO.

DEVEL DPMENT

STIGLE FAMILY

SCATTERED TOTAL

(DIAMOND FARMS) NEIGHBORHOOD V

NEIGHBORHOOD IV (KENTLANDS)

DEVELOPMENT	CCADOMINIUMS	LING
XTII		
RABBITT FARM		-
LONGDRAFT (RELDA SQUARE)		99
WEST RIDING		304
TOTAL		373

311 N

CONDOMINIUMS

SINGLE FAMILY DE VELOPMENT

KENT FARM WESTLE 16H

TOTAL

10

86

1,971 596 270 999 540 QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTERS DIAMOND FARMS DIAMOND FARMS ORCHARD POND TOWNOUSES BENNINGTON APARTMENTS TOTAL

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TOMHOUSES

APARIMENTS

NONE

TOTAL

270 210 48¢

HYDE PARK (VILLAGE NVERLOGK)

APARTIMETES

TOWNFOUSES

NON

MONTGOMERY KNOLLS

City of Gaithersburg Planning Department Source:

TABLE VIII (cont.)

TOTAL

APARTMENTS

The inventory reports a total of 7,087 apartments in the City. The charts and map which follow will pinpoint each complex by neighborhood and location. Most of the apartments in the City (57%) are either one or two bedroom units. There are very few efficiencies and no four bedroom units, factors which limit housing opportunites for large families and the elderly, who often seek those types of apartments.

TABLE IX

Apartments by Bedroom Size and Neighborhood

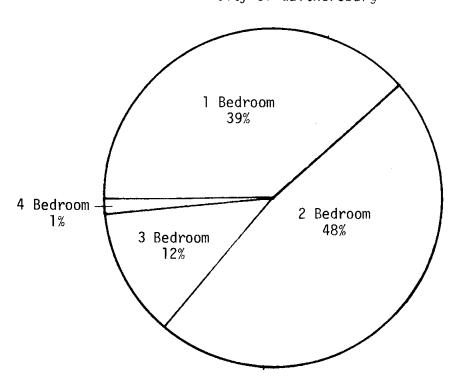
		Bedroom s	ize and number	of units	
Neighborhood	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	Efficiency
I	1,107	1,002	276	0	55
II	545	490	103	0	7
III	308	627	70	0	0
IV	-	-	-	0	0
٧	610	1,029	332	0	0
VI	165	228	81	0	0 (6 penthouses
TOTAL	2,735	3,376	862	0	62
	(39%)	(48%)	(12%)		(1.0%)

<u>Source</u>: City of Gaithersburg Planning Department

FIGURE 2

Rental Units Available by Redroom Size

City of Gaithersburg



Construction of apartments has virtually ceased in the City. No permits have been issued for multi-family units in the City since 1974. Although there is sufficient vacant land available in those zones which permit apartments, the trend has been to develop these parcels at lower densities for townhouses. The slowdown in apartment construction is apparent throughout Montgomery County, although there are signs nationally that apartment construction has quietly begun to start moving again, though not in great volume. Today's escalating construction costs, high long-term mortgage rates and spiraling energy costs have convinced many builders that apartment construction is still unprofitable.

A rental survey conducted by the City's Department of Licenses and Inspections in February, 1977 revealed the average monthly rents in the City to be:

1 bedroom - \$220; 2 bedroom - \$256, and 3 bedroom - \$323. As noted below, average rentals fluctuate somewhat depending upon location. For the most part, higher rents appear in the newer areas of the City. Both the highest average and median rentals were found in the Diamond Farms neighborhood, reflecting the relatively recent construction of several large apartment complexes there.

TABLE X

Average/Median Rentals by Neighborhood

Dollars/Month

July, 1977

			NEIGHBORHO	DD		
Size Unit	I	II	III	ĨΫ	V	VI
Efficiency	\$ 166/160	158/143	-	_	-	-
1 Bedroom	215/210	186/192	236/240	-	287/275	248/247
2 Bedroom	249/252	245/235	265/257	-	320/299	274/274
3 Bedroom	287/341	304/355	321/323	-	372/368	-
All units average/ median	227/231	223/235	273/257	-	326/299	261/260

Source: City of Gaithersburg Department of Licenses & Inspections

TABLE XI¹

Apartment Units by Size, Rental Range, and Bedroom Size

Monthly Rent Range*	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
\$ <100	-	-	-	_
100-200	40	602	482	66
200-300	-	1,512	2,085	95
300-400	-	13**	429	601
> 400	-	-	12	-

Reflects sampling of units in City rather than total rental stock. *Most do not include utilities.

Source: City of Gaithersburg Department of Licenses & Inspections

The survey noted a very low overall vacancy rate for apartments in the City. Approximately 70% of those reporting revealed no vacancies. The remaining 30% reported vacancies ranging from 1% - 5.3%, with an overall vacancy rate of approximately 3.3%. The vacancies appear more frequently in the larger, newer apartment complexes which boast higher rents.

^{**}Furnished.

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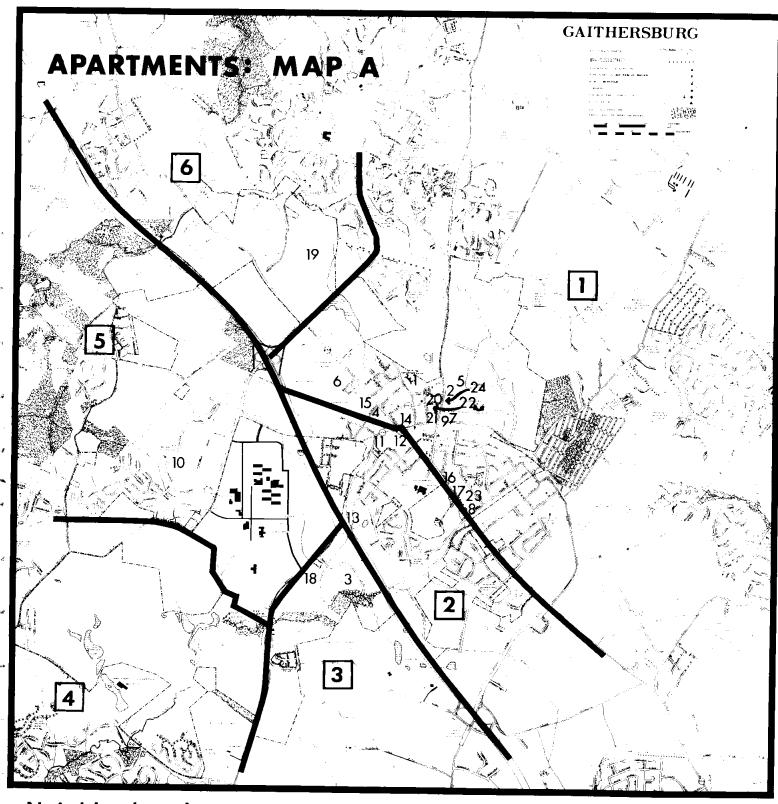
Housing Units By Tenure

TABLE XII

APARTMENTS	NUMBER OF UNITS	NE I GHBORHOOD	MAP KEY	
Asbury Methodist Home	175	I	1	
Bayla Gardens	232	I	2	#
Brighton West	600	III	₹	
Chesline	22	I	4	THROUGH #24 ARE SHOW! ON MAP A
Crestwood	108	I	5	\subseteq
Dalamar	120	I	6	至
Deer Park Apartments	26	I	7	
Deer Park Gardens	39	I	8 1	2
Diamond Courts	26	I	9 .	~
Diamond Farms	540	V	10	2
Diamond House	17	ΙΙ	11 ;	
Executive Gardens	87	II	12	Ĭ
Fireside (C)	258	II	13	S
Franklin Press	4	I	14	$\overline{}$
Free State	16	I	15	
Gaither House	95	I	16	=======================================
George Hunt	6	I	17 *	0
Governor Square	238	III	18	>
Hyde Park (Village Overlook)(C) 270	VI	19	
Ingalls	8	I	20	
King	9	I	21	
King	5	I	22	
Lakeside	25	I	23	
Larken	44	I	24	, #
Lee Street	126	I	25	4
Lilac House (C)	30	II	26	がいせい JABOIICH キャイタ ARF SHOW
Mills	11	I	27	支
Montgomery House	50	I	28	\equiv
Montgomery Knolls	210	VI	29	士
Nage1	11	I	30	#
Orchard Pond	747	٧	31	\overline{z}
The Pines	182	I	32	₽
Quince Orchard Clusters	684	٧	33 f	Ħ
Ratte	11	I	34	<u>~</u>
Roseanne Gardens	350	ΙΙ	35	⇟
Rosedale	190	ΙΙ	36	
Seid1	11	I		9
Seidl	35	ΙΙ	38 -	OM MAP B
Suburban Park	168	III	39	₽
Summit Hall	10	ΙΙ	40	7
Ty Gwyn	25	I	41	~
Villa Ridge (C)	416	I	42	
Warthen and Ward	34	I	43	
Wayne Gardens	29	I	44	
West Deer Park	198	ΙΙ	45	
Whetstone	102	I	46	
Woodlawn	46	I	47	
Woodwinds	441	I	48	
TOTAL	7,087			
-	[974 (C) = Condom	iniums]		
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FIGURE 3

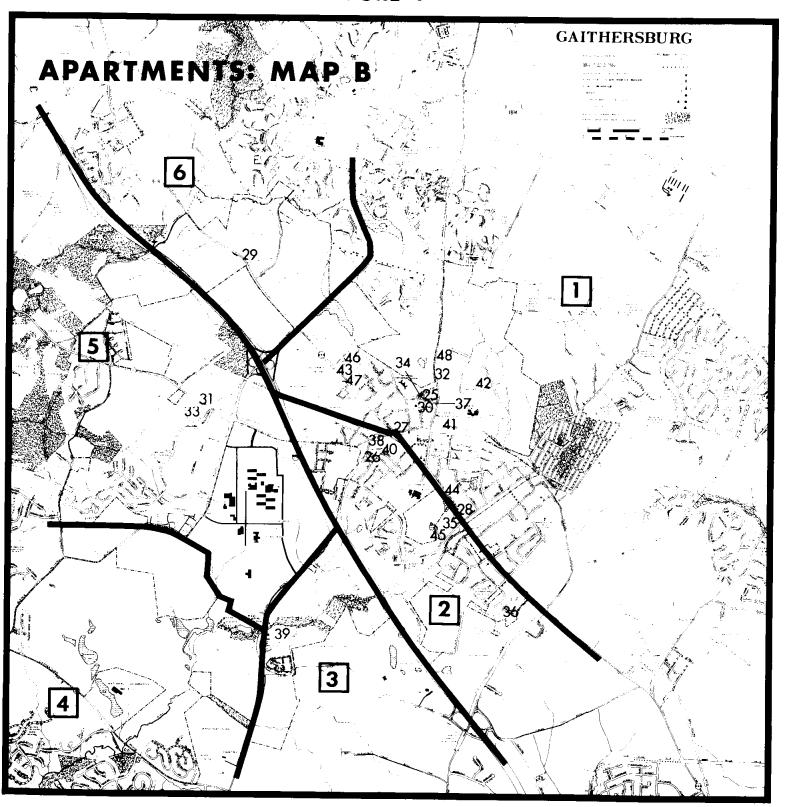


Neighborhoods

- 1 Old Town
- 2 Brighton
- 3 Muddy Branch

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- 5 Diamond Farms
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FIGURE 4



Neighborhoods

- 1 Old Town
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TOWNHOUSES

There are a total of 1,897 townhouse units located in the City, a majority of which (54%) are fee simple units. The largest concentration of townhouses is noted in the Muddy Branch area where 35% of all townhouses are found. The number of townhouse units has gradually increased since 1972's initial recording of this housing type. A drop in units is noted between 1975 and 1976, which merely reflects conversion of townhouses to condominium units.

Recent activity in site development review indicates a tendency by developers in the Gaithersburg area to build townhouses. It is interesting to note that the City's vacant land inventory reports a total of almost 500 acres of vacant residential land whose zoning could accommodate townhouses if the market demands.

Although national housing experts feel that most prospective homeowners desire a single family detached house, rising housing costs and diminishing incomes have forced many to seek smaller, less costly attached units. Families who previously considered the townhouse as a transitional unit are faced with the economic necessity of postponing the move to a detached home.

It should also be noted that single person and single parent households are on the increase and these groups tend to seek out less expensive attached units or condominiums. Builders in the Gaithersburg area apparently agree with this market trend, for 77% of the 2,037 units currently under review or construction in the City are townhouses.

A list and map of townhouses in Gaithersburg follows the section on single family units.

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

The housing inventory reveals a total of 1,627 single family units in the City or 15.3% of the total housing stock. The large concentration of single family units in Old Town reflects much of the City's older housing stock, while the concentrations noted in Neighborhoods II and V represent construction completed between the late '60's and early '70's. There has been only a limited amount of activity in single family development in the City recently.

The relatively small number of single family units as a percentage of the City's total housing inventory underscores the unbalanced mix of housing types available. In order to provide housing opportunities for persons of all income ranges, a wide spectrum of housing costs and types must be encouraged. There are approximately 1,200 acres of vacant land in the R-A and R-90 zones. Both of these zones are devoted primarily to single family use; however, not all of this land is master planned for single family residential use. Single family units are allowed in more densely zoned categories, but developers are opting for higher densities where permitted.

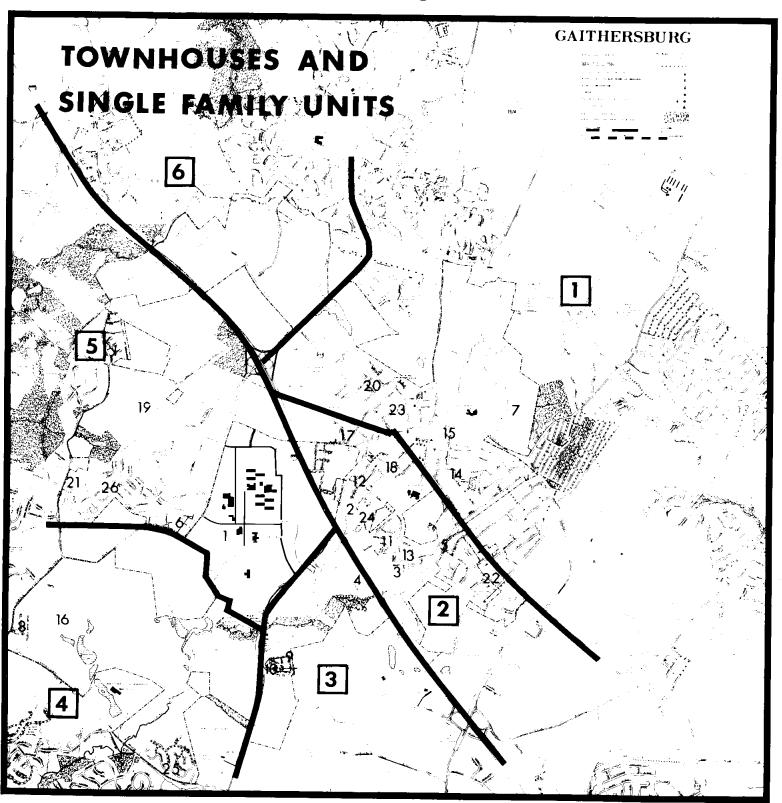
CITY OF GAITHERSBURG HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE

TABLE XIII

DEVELOPMENT	NUMBER OF UNITS	NE I GHBORHOOD	MAP KEY*
TOWNHOUSES			
Bennington Brighton East (C) Brighton East (Rental) Brighton West (C) Brighton West Casey Diamond Farms Newport (C) Orchards Shady Grove Village (C) Sections 2, 3 and 4	296 155 45 200 55 12 270 291 166 230	III III III III III III III III III	1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 9
TOTAL	1,897		
	[87 6 (C) = Condom	niniums]	
SINGLE FAMILY			
Brighton Woods Brown's Addition Concept Deer Park East Diamond Kent Farm Meem's Addition Observatory Heights Rabbitt Farm Realty Park & Walker's Relda Square Rosemont Russell & Brookes Add. Sunnyside Court Westleigh West Riding Additional Scattered	139 233 28 408 12 3 57 42 1 Add. 98 68 40 70 18 98 304 8	II II II IV II V II II IV V I IV V	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
TOTAL	1,627		

^{*} FIGURE 5

FIGURE 5



Neighborhoods

- Old Town
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CONDOMINIUMS

A condominium is a legal entity which is structured under the condominium laws of the State. Condominium residents own their own unit and an interest in any commonly held property. A condominium association is generally established for the maintenance of commonly held areas. Many factors such as high development costs, rent control and the sewer moratorium have affected the development of condominiums in the area. Through high density construction which reduces land costs, a less expensive form of housing becomes available via the condominium.

In Gaithersburg, the first tally of condominium units was made in 1975 as a result of condominium activity in the area in 1973 and 1974 which coincided with the downturn in both the economy and the housing industry. The Washington area in general experienced an oversupply of condominium units, particularly of the multi-family type, which resulted in significant unsold inventory and a slackening in demand for condominiums.

Over 50% of the City's condominiums are located in the eastern section of Gaithersburg in the Old Town area. Approximately 72% of the units are the result of conversion from rental units.

Housing experts feel that inflation and spiraling housing costs will favor the resurgence of the condominium market once the unsold inventory is marketed. It is also thought that owners of condominiums will eventually be in a favorable resale position as the prices of other types of housing continue to climb and the supply of condominiums stays relatively stable due to developers' hesitations to construct condominiums in the wake of the oversupply recently experienced. In

Gaithersburg, some apartment condominiums do remain vacant awaiting such a change in the housing picture. Many of the condominium units in the City came into the market simultaneously and sold very slowly. At the present time, only one multi-family condominium conversion project is experiencing significant vacancies.

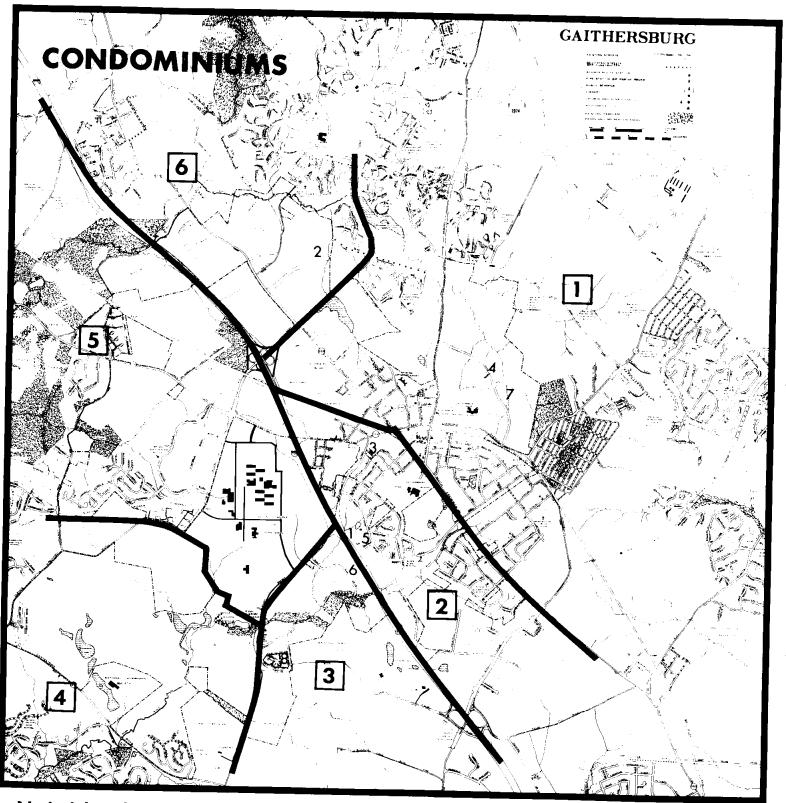
HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE *
TABLE XIV

CONDOMINIUM	NO. OF UNITS	TYPE OF UNIT	NEIGHBOR- HOOD	MAP KEY**
Fireside	258	Apartments	I	1
Village Overlook	270	Apartments	VI	2
Lilac House	30	Apartments	II	3
Villa Ridge	416	Apartments	I	4
Brighton East	155	Townhouses	II	5
Brighton West	200	Townhouses	III	6
Newport	291	Townhouses	I	7
Shady Grove Village	230	Townhouses	III	8
TOTAL	1,850			

^{*}See Apartment and Townhouse Listings

^{**} FIGURE 5

FIGURE 6



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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Montgomery Village, a planned community developed just north of the City, is not located within the incorporated limits of Gaithersburg. However, the growth of this community has greatly impacted the City. The current population of Montgomery Village is estimated at 14,663¹ persons with a projected total population for the year 1982-83 to be approximately 30,000. Kettler Brothers projects the construction of 500 units in 1977, escalating to an average of about 600 units per year over the next several years.

TABLE XV
Housing Units by Type - Montgomery Village
July 31, 1974 - June 30, 1977

TYPE UNIT	July 31, 1974	June 30, 1977	% Increase	Future	Total Units
Garden Apartments	2,078	2,152	3.6	1,080	3,232
Mid (High) Rise	195	195	0	0	195
Townhouses	1,657	2,237	35.0	2,973	5,210
Studio Apartments	-	13	-	0	13
Single Family	721	933	29.4	265	1,198
Townhouse/ Apartments	- _		<u> </u>	225	225
TOTALS	4,651	5,530	18.9	4,543	10,073

This figure was derived from Kettler tally of current units and City staff estimates of persons per dwelling unit by type of dwelling unit noted previously in this text, plus vacancy rates.

TABLE XVI
Montgomery Village Housing Units - June 30, 1977

COMMUNITY NAME

TOWNHOUSES	Total # Units	Completed	Future
Horizon Run (condominium)	154	154	0
Walkers Ridge	46	0	46
Dockside	188	Õ	188
Unplanned	605	Ö	605
Walker's Choice	50	50	0
Clubside	274	27	247
Center Stage	63	63	0
Clusters - l	201	201	0
Clusters - 2	217	217	0
Frenchton Place	155	155	0
Clusters - 3	130	130	0
Club Hill	140	140	0
Thomas Choice (condominium)	103	103	0
Thomas Choice West	229	0	229
Maryland Place	276	276	0
Dorsey's Regard	168	0	168
Shadow Oak	256	0	256
Highland Hall	94	0	94
Essex Place	148	0	148
Greentree - 1	41	41	0
Greentree - 2	65	65	0
Partridge Place	136	46	90
Arrowhead	96	37	59
Overlea	210	0	210
Highfield	133	126	7
Partridge Place	195	195	70
Fairway Island (Greenside)	65	65	0
Fairway Island	124	39	85
	(4,562)	(2,130)	(2,432)
M.P.D.U.s			
Dockside	120	0	120
Thomas Choice West	11	Ŏ	11
McKendree 1 & 2	212	107	105
McKendree 3	144	0	144
Overlea	42	Ŏ	42
Future	119	Ŏ	119
			
	5,210	2,237	2,973

TABLE XVI (continued)

COMMUNITY NAME

GARDEN APARTMENTS	TOTAL # UNITS	COMPLETED	FUTURE	
The Hamlet Hamlet - 2 Old Area 1-A Plan Walker's Choice Mills Choice Center Court (condominium) Thomas Choice Apartments	864 360 720 450 406 132 300	864 0 0 450 406 132 300	0 360 720 0 0 0	
071101.75.75.111.11	3,232	2,152	1,080	
SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED				
Ridges of Stedwick The Heights Goshenside Lakeside Ridges of Whetstone The Courts Fairidge The Points William's Range Pleasant Ridge TOWNHOUSE/APARTMENT Walker's Ridge Mallside Walker's Ridge (MPDU)	69 147 164 138 40 105 217 137 62 119 1,198	69 136 164 110 40 105 206 103 0 0 0	0 11 0 28 0 0 11 34 62 119 265	
	225	0	225	
STUDIO APARTMENT				
The Quarter	13	13	0	
MID (HIGH) RISE				
Walker's Choice	195	195	0	
TOTAL	10,073 units	5,530 units	4,543 units	

PROJECTED HOUSING STOCK

Since the last City housing survey, the pace of residential construction has declined considerably. At present, there are only two developments actively under construction:

1) Carol Ann Courts - 24 townhouse units - R-20 zone

Map Key (Fig. 7)

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2) Relda Square (Longdraft) - 68 single family units - R-90 zone 16 For locations, see Figure 7 - Proposed Units Under Review

The impact of the sewer moratorium is very apparent when reviewing the current level of construction in the City. For three months prior to April, 1977, WSSC was accepting applications for sewer based primarily on a recalculation of flow and allocation capacity against the Seneca Interim Treatment Plant. The extensive list of residential projects presently under review by the City reflects efforts by developers to compete for this capacity in order to submit applications to WSSC before the cut-off date. The completion and actual occupancy of these units is dependent upon the final sewer allocation.

TABLE XVII

Proposed Units Currently Under Review

August, 1977

TOWNHOUSES					
Development	# Units	Zone	Approval Stage	Neighborhood	Map Key (Figure 7)
Audubon Square Brighton East Brighton Park Montgomery Knolls I Montgomery Knolls II Shady Grove Village Warther Tract I Warther Tract II Woodland Hills (Hyde Park)	112 158 274 80 122 159	R-18 H, R-T R-H R-18 R-18 R-T R-18 H, R-18,	Concept Concept Preliminary Final Concept Concept Concept Concept Preliminary	I	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
TOTAL	1,538				
SINGLE FAMILY					
Development					
Brighton Hill Joan's Hill Victory Farms Clagett Subdivision	11 8 86 14	R-A R-90 R-90 R-90	Preliminary Preliminary Preliminary Preliminary	I I V I V	10 11 12 13
TOTAL	119				
<u>APARTMENTS</u>					
Orchard Knolls	288	R-20	Awaits Conce	pt V	14

The total number of units which are under review and construction would add another 5,975 persons to the City's population. At this point in time, the Department would estimate the addition of these 2,000+ units to the existing stock by 1981 or a rate of about 400+ units per year. However, it should be clearly understood that this projected addition of units to the City's housing inventory is totally dependent upon the availability of sewer.

In addition to those units which have received some level of City review and/or approval, staff acknowledges that pressure for development will continue, particularly in regard to vacant residential tracts in the City.

TABLE XVIII

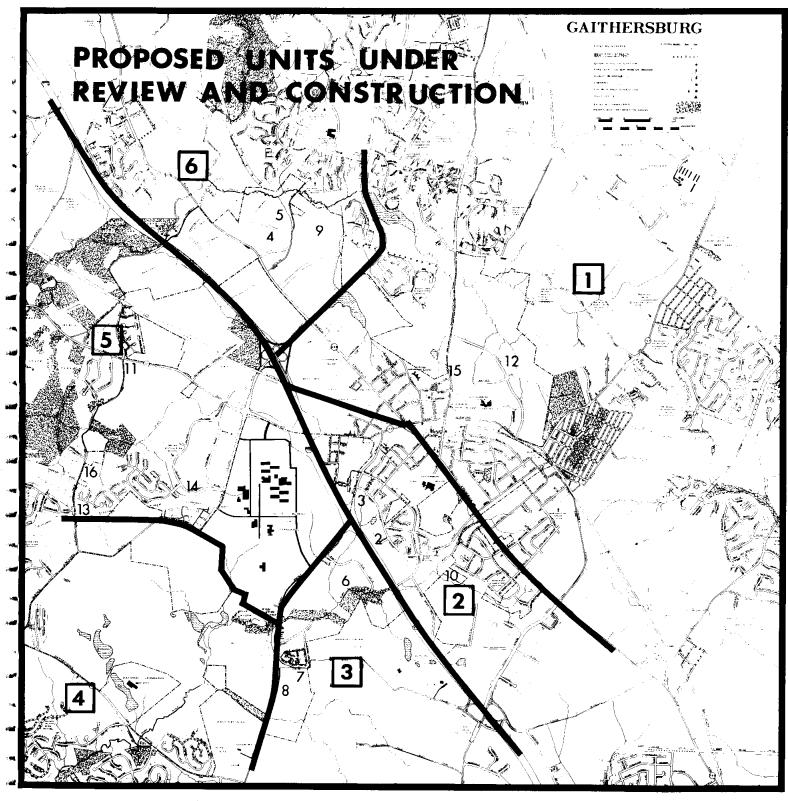
Vacant Residential Tracts
Subject to Development Pressure

TRACT	NE I GHBORHOOD	ACRES	ZONING	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DENSITY	MAP KEY (Figure 8)
Bailey	٧	13.81	C-2*	n/a	1
Koenick	IV	43.9	R-18, R-T	18 DU/AC; 9DU/AC	2
Colby	III	37.6	R-20	21.5 DU/AC	3
Kent Farm	IV	200.0	R-A	1.5 DU/AC	4
Plummer (J	loyce)				
Tract	VI	11.4	R-H	54 DU/AC	5
Casey Gosh	en I	127. n	R-90, R-18	3 DU/AC; 18 DU/AC	6
Thorpe Tra	ct V	156.0	R-A	1.5 DU/AC	7
TOTAL		590.0			

¹Based upon current zoning

^{*}General commercial zone permits high-rise residential

FIGURE 7

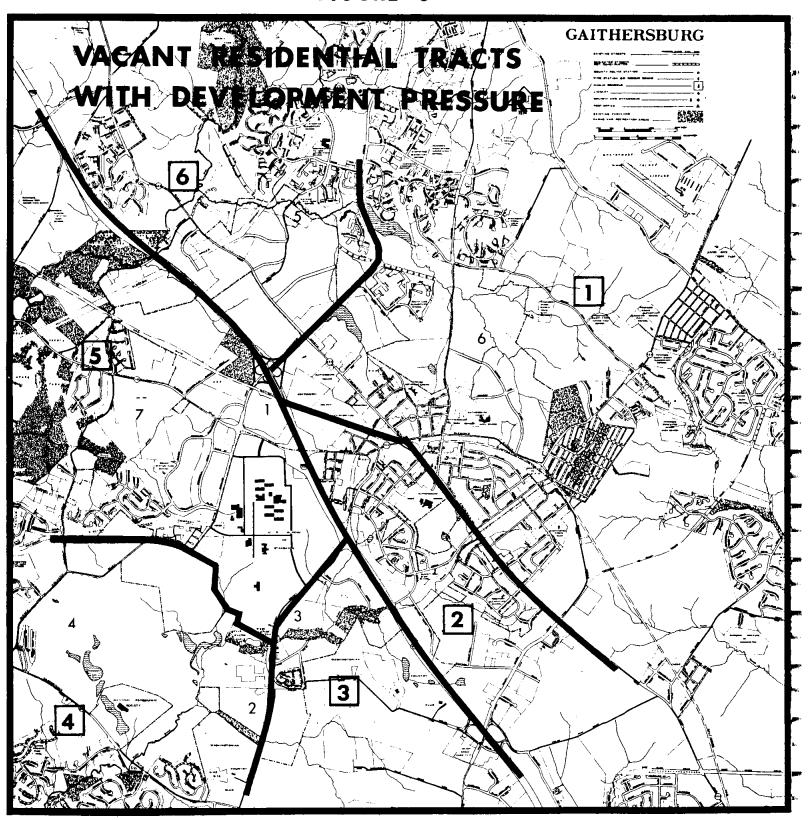


Neighborhoods

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FIGURE 8



Neighborhoods

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SUMMARY

POPULATION

- The city's current population (1976) is 26,012, which is a threefold increase since 1970.
- POPULATION ESTIMATE REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF PERSONS PER DWELLING UNIT: SINGLE FAMILY 3.5; TOWNHOUSE 3; APARTMENT 2.2.
- THE 1976 HOUSE COUNT SHOWS A CITY AVERAGE OF 2.5 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD FOR ALL UNIT TYPES.

HOUSING UNITS

- The 1976 Housing count is 10,611 units or an increase of 211% since 1970.
- THE HOUSING INVENTORY CONSISTS OF 1,627 SINGLE FAMILY UNITS (15.3%); 1,021 TOWNHOUSES (9.6%); AND 6,113 APART-MENTS (57.6%) AND 1,350 CONDOMINIUMS (17.4%).
- The Breakdown of Units by Neighborhood: Neighborhood I 31.2%; II 13.9%; III 15.6%; IV 2.5%; V 27.2%; AND VI 4.5%. (See Neighborhood Map for Boundaries.)
- There are a total of 7,037 apartments (including condominiums) in the City: 1 bedroom 39%; 2 bedroom 48%; 3 bedroom 12%; and efficiency 1%.

CONDITION OF HOUSING STOCK

- Housing inventory is in good condition due to a stringent housing code enforcement program conducted by the Department of Licenses & Inspections.
- THE DEPARTMENT ENFORCES THE BOCA BASIC HOUSING-PROPERTY
 MAINTENANCE CODE AND ANSWERED 530 SERVICE REQUESTS ON HOUSING
 CODE VIOLATIONS IN 1976.
- MOST DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES IN THE CITY HAVE BEEN REMOVED DUE TO PRESSURE FOR BETTER USE OF THE LAND.

PROJECTED HOUSING STOCK AND POPULATION

- THERE ARE CURRENTLY 2,037 UNITS UNDER REVIEW OR CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY WITH A POTENTIAL POPULATION YIELD OF 5,975 PERSONS.
- THE ADDITION OF THESE UNITS TO THE HOUSING STOCK BY 1931 WOULD PRODUCE A CITY POPULATION OF 31,987 IN 1981.
- There are approximately 590 acres of vacant residential land in the City subject to development pressure. 1
- 71% of total vacant residential land in the City is zoned for single family units; 21% for townhouses and apartments.

 $¹_{
m DOES}$ NOT INCLUDE ALL VACANT RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND.

LOW-MODERATE INCOME/ELDERLY HOUSING

- 27% of Montgomery County's Federally subsidized housing (or 907 units) is located in the Gaithersburg area.
- There are no Federally subsidized units for the elderly
 IN THE GAITHERSBURG AREA, EVEN WITH 1,053 ELDERLY/HANDICAPPED
 UNITS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE COUNTY.
- 57% (366 UNITS) OF THE TOTAL 637 UNITS DEVELOPED UNDER MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S M.P.D.U. PROGRAM TO DATE ARE LOCATED IN THE GAITHERSBURG AREA.
- ONLY 1% OF TOTAL RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE IN THE CITY ARE EFFICIENCIES, THEREBY LIMITING HOUSING CHOICES FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS WHO SEEK THIS TYPE OF DWELLING.

COST OF HOUSING

- THE 1976 MEDIAN PRICE OF NEW HOUSING IN THE GAITHERSBURG ELECTION DISTRICT IS \$43,000.
- THE 1976 MEDIAN PRICE OF USED HOUSING IN THE GAITHERSBURG ELECTION DISTRICT IS \$50,000.
- AN INCOME BETWEEN \$20,500-23,000 ANUALLY IS NEEDED TO PURCHASE
 A HOME IN THE GAITHERSBURG AREA (ASSUMING 2.1 TIMES ONE'S INCOME).
- The price of New Housing in the area increased 11.5% from 1975 to 1976.
- AVERAGE RENTALS IN THE CITY RANGE FROM \$220 FOR A 1 BEDROOM UNIT TO \$323 FOR A 3 BEDROOM UNIT.

HOUSING GOALS

- ENCOURAGE HOUSING IN A BROAD RANGE OF TYPES AND COSTS.
- ENCOURAGE A BALANCED MIX OF UNIT TYPES.
- PROVIDE A HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES OF ALL RANGES OF INCOME.
- Make it possible for all residents to change housing types as their needs change throughout their lives without moving from the City.

HOUSING POLICIES

- ZONE MORE LAND FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING.
- CREATE MORE FLEXIBLE ZONING REQUIREMENTS TO ENCOURAGE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING.
- DISCOURAGE LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT OF GARDEN APARTMENTS AND TOWNHOUSES UNTIL HOUSING TYPE MIX IS MORE BALANCED.
- DEVELOP A PROGRAM WHICH WILL INSURE THE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW HOUSING FORMS, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUMS, SO AS TO PROTECT HOUSING VALUES.
- PERIODICALLY REVIEW AND EVALUATE HOUSING POLICIES TO BE SURE THEY ARE PROMOTING THE STATED GOALS.

LOW/MODERATE INCOME HOUSING - FEDERAL/STATE FUNDING

GAITHERSBURG + VICINITY

PROJECT	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	# UNITS	BEDROOMS	FUNDING PROGRAM	REMARKS
Amity Gardens	Laytonsville & Ridge Roads	Garden Apartment	51 family	25 - 2 BR - \$186 26 - 3 BR - \$205	236 (Fed1. assist.)	Occupied 10 rent supplement units
Emory Grove Court	Spiceberry Lane Emory Grove	Garden & Single Family Attached	137 family	23 - 2 BR - \$218 25 - 3 BR - \$262 	236	Occupied Section 8 for existing units
The Willows	W. Diamond Ave.	Garden Apartment	195 family	104 - 1 BR - \$170 91 - 2 BR - \$195	236 + State Asst. Construction & Permanent Loan Financing	Occupied 39 rent supplement units
Stewartown Homes	Goshen & Stewartown Roads	Single Family Attached	94 family	13 - 2 BR - \$195* 62 - 3 BR - \$220* 14 - 4 BR - \$245 	236 + State Asst. Construction & Permanent Loan Financing	Occupied 19 rent supplement units
Emory Grove Village	Morningview Drive	Single Family Attached	55 family	6 - 1 BR 21 - 2 BR 20 - 3 BR 8 - 4 BR	Public Housing, Turnkey I	Occupied

^{*}Includes personal benefit expenses.

¹See attached explanation of programs.

LOW/MODERATE INCOME HOUSING - FEDERAL/STATE FUNDING (continued)

GAITHERSBURG + VICINITY

}	Occupied 33 rent supplement units	Section 236	28 - 1 BR - \$176 112 - 2 BR - \$215 28 - 3 BR - \$237	168 family	Garden Apartment	Muddy Branch & Fields Roads	Suburban Park Village
	SFA - \$39,100 - \$40,800 SFD - \$41,000 Under construction	State Assisted	81 - 3 BR	81 family	Single Family Attached & Detached	Rt. 124 & Emory Grove Road	Mineral Springs Village
42-	Occupied	Public Housing, Turnkey I	8 - 2 BR 40 - 3 BR 20 - 4 BR 8 - 5 BR	76 family	Single Family Attached	Scenery Drive	Middlebrook Square
	Occupied	Public Housing, Turnkey I	10 - 2 BR 30 - 3 BR 10 - 4 BR	50 family	Single Family Attached	Fairhaven Drive	Washington Square
	REMARKS	FUNDING PROGRAM	BEDROOMS	# UNITS	ТҮРЕ	LOCATION	PROJECT

FEDERAL/STATE HOUSING PROGRAMS

Description of Programs in Gaithersburg Area

SECTION 236 - Rental and Co-operative Housing

This program provides rental housing for low income persons including the elderly and handicapped which is subsidized by a HUD payment of insurance and interest reduction payments to an eligible mortgagee. Tenants pay the "basic rent" or 25% of their income in rent, whichever is higher. Some 236 projects also receive rent supplement payments and Section 8 units.

PUBLIC HOUSING - TURNKEY I

Under the auspices of this program, a private developer builds or rehabilitates existing units which are then purchased by the Local Housing Authority at a pre-arranged price.

STATE CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING ASSISTANCE

Loans and financing are provided for low and moderate income rental and ownership housing at a below market interest rate. Non-profit sponsors may qualify for loans of up to 100% of development costs for 40-year terms.

SECTION 8 - Assisted Housing

This program, created by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, pays out a rent subsidy on behalf of low/moderate income households. The program provides no construction or financing aid, but rather a subsidy to equal the difference between 15% - 25% of an eligible family's income and a predetermined fair market rent for the unit. Units which are newly constructed, substantially rehabilitated. recently completed or existing may all qualify for Section 8 funds.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

M.P.D.U. PROGRAM

(Gaithersburg and Vicinity)

PROJECT	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	# M.P.D. UNITS	STATUS	TOTAL SIZE OF PROJECT
McKendree	Montgomery Village	Townhouses	212	104 units sold 1976 2nd section - 82 sold 24 permits issued	212
Quince Orchard Manor	Longdraft and Quince Orchard Rd.	Single Family Detached	28	Section 1 - 15 units sold; Section II - remaining MPDU not authorized for sewer yet	182
Warfield Tract	Watkins Mill Road	Single Family Attached	37	Received sewer allocation for 15 MPDU's	210
Relda Square (Longdraft)	Longdraft Rd.	Single Family Detached	10	Under construction	68
Watkins Forest	Watkins Mill Road	Single Family Attached	12	Received sewer allocation	83
Seneca Whetstone	Game Preserve Road	Single Family Attached	24	Received sewer allocation	131
Walnut ² Creek North	Goshen Road	Single Attached- Townhouses	15	Under construction Permits issued 5/77 13 MPDU in Sect. I with sewer authorized	253
Mill Creek Forest	Emory Grove Renewal Area	Single Family TOTAL	28 366 *	Under construction Units available late 1977 or Spring 1978	314

¹Montgomery County law requires that all applicants seeking to develop 50 or more housing units at one time, construct 15% of the total number of units to be moderately priced. See Chapter 25A - Montgomery County Code for details.

Source: Montgomery County, Office of Housing, Dept. of Community and Economic Development 6/27/77

^{*}Includes only projects with development approvals beyond preliminary plan stage.

 $^{^{2}\}mbox{Waiver}$ by Planning Board from compliance with MPDU requirements.

SOURCES: PERSONS PER DWELLING UNIT BY TYPE OF UNIT

DWELLING UNIT DENSITY AND AVERAGE POPULATION PER DWELLING UNIT YIELD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Zone	Type Unit	Av. D.U. <u>Per Acre</u>	Maximum Permissible D.U. Per Acre	Average Population/ Household
Rural	S.F. Detached	. 18	.20	3.501
RE-2	S. F. Detached	.40	.40	3.501
RE-2	S. F. Detached	. 40	.40	3.501
RE-1	S. F. Detached	. 90	1.00	3.501
RE-1	S. F. Detached	.90	1.00	3.501
R-200	S. F. Detached	1.40	1.50	3.501
R-200	S. F. Detached	1.55	1.65	3.501
R-200	S. F. Detached	1.85	2.00	3.501
R-150	S. F. Detached	2.10	2.20	3.501
R-150	S. F. Detached	2.40	2.60	3.501
R-90	S. F. Detached	2.80	2.90	3.501
R-90	S. F. Detached	3.00	3.10	3.501
R-90	S. F. Detached	3.45	3.60	3.501
R-60	S. F. Detached	4.00	4.20	3.501
R-60	S. F. Detached	4.40	4.70	3.501
R-T	Townhouses	11.80	12.40	3.013
R-30	Garden Apts.	12.25	14.50	2.456
R-20	Garden Apts.	16.76	21.70	2.456
R-10	Highrise Apts.	33.16	43.50	1.744
R_H	Highrise Apts.	33.16	43.50	1.744

SOURCE: Forecast - Peonle, Johs & Housing, Montgomery County Planning Board, Oct. 1976

PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD FOR THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA BY JURISDICTION: 1960-1970-1974

							MONT	GOMERY COUNTY	
	1960	1970	1974	1960-70 Percent Change	1970÷74 Percent Change	H		JLATION BY FORE	
District of Columbia	2.87	2.72	2.60	-5.2	-4.4		1972	1974	% CHANGE
Alexandria	3.15	2.57	2.39	-18.4	-7.0	Urban Ring	3.19	2.91	-8.8
Arlington County	2.90	2.43	2.26	-16.2	-7.0	Whtn-Silver Spring Rockville	3.06 3.56	2.83 3.19	-7.5 -10.4
Fairfax County	3.87	3.51	3.31	-9.3	-5.7	Bethesda	3.04	2.73	-10.2
Montgomery County	3.65	3.30	3.07	-9.6	-7.5	Potomac	4.04	4.01	-0.7
Prince George's County	3.65	3.34	2.94	-8.5	-12.0	Colesville	3.60	3.30	-8.3
Metropolitan Areal	3.28	3.10	2.91	-5.5	-6.1	I-270 Corridor	3.36	3.16	-6.0
						Olney	3.91	3.42	-12.5
						Rural	3.76	3.46	-8.0

¹Includes Charles County, Maryland

Extracted from: Condominium Housing: A New Homeownership Alternative, Metropolitan Council of Governments, April, 1976

Source: Census Update Survey '74, M-NCP & P Commission, August, 1975.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY COST ANALYSIS

	A Single-Family Conventional	B Single-Family Clustered	C Townhouses Clustered	D Walk-Up Apartments	E High-Rise Apartments	F Housing Mix (20% Each)
Dwelling Units	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Average Floor Area Per Unit (Square Foot)	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,000	900	1,260
Total Population	3,520	3,520	3,330	3,330	2,825	3,300
Persons per Unit	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.3
School Children	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,100	300	1,100
Total Acreage	500	400	300	200	100	300
Residential Density Units per Gross Acre Units per Net Residentia Acre	2 1 3	2.5 5.0	3.3 10.0	5 15	10 30	3.3 6.9

Source: The Costs of Sprawl, Real Estate Research Corporation; April, 1974.

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